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SUBJECT: EXCHANGES;CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS (CU/ARTS):
AMERICAN CONSERVATORY THEATRE (ACT)

REF: A) MOSCOW 0460; B) STATE 005229

1. PROPOSAL SEND DEPT ESCORT FOR ACT WITH ADVANCE TEAM
NOT A VIABLE ALTERNATIVE. DEPT AND USIA CONSIDER EMBOFF
PRESENCE DURING ENTIRE VISIT OF ACT ADVANCE VISIT ESSENTIAL
TO FINAL AND SATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT WITH GOSK ON SPECIFIC
DETAILS RELATING TO TOUR.

2. VIEW ABOVE AS WELL REPORTED DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED BY
EMB RE TIME FRAME PROPOSED REFTEL B ACT MANAGEMENT HAS
AGREED, WITH SOME DIFFICULTY, TO EITHER OF FOLLOWING TWO
PERIODS (A. ETA JANUARY 30 ETD FEBRUARY 4 OR B. ETA
FEBRUARY 6 ETD FEBRUARY 12. TIME FRAMES OFFERED FALL DURING
ACT REHEARSAL ON "EQUUS" WHICH BEING PREMIERED FEBRUARY 10.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MCKENZIE AND PRODUCER BEN MOORE AGREE
TO EITHER PERIOD AS FURTHER POSTPONEMENT WOULD AFFECT MEET-
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INGS WITH UNION ON ACTORS' CONTRACTS AS WELL DELAY ARRANGE-

MENTS FOR BUILDING OF SETS FOR DESIRE AND MATCHMAKER.

3. AS SUPAGIN SCHEDULED RETURN JANUARY 19 HOPEFUL FOR
EARLIEST SELECTION OF THEATERS IN EACH CITY AND SCHEDULING
OF ADVANCE VISIT. ADVISE.

4. WILL FURNISH ASAP ANSWER TO PER PERFORMANCE FEE
QUESTION RAISED DURING CARSTONES/HESS TELECON OF JANUARY 14.
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